

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 259

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Anson Mount IV for his contributions to the fight to find a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those Tennesseans who display uncommon dedication and charity to those battling disease and disability, serving as an inspiration to their friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, one such exceptional individual is Anson Mount IV, who has been a champion for two treasured children, Jonah and Emory Marlin, who have been diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, this rare degenerative condition, affecting one in every 3,000–3,500 boys born each year, involves a loss of dystrophin, a protein that allows the body to repair tears and wear in the muscles; and

WHEREAS, deciding to take their battle against this disease a step further, Jonah and Emory Marlin's family created the Fighting Duchenne Foundation, which is raising capital to fund a research department at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt; and

WHEREAS, Anson Mount, a native of White Bluff and close friend of the Marlin family, took it upon himself to help the Marlins fight this debilitating disease by raising \$170,000 for the Fighting Duchenne Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mount has brought national attention to this disease through the combined successes of the "Dunk Duchenne" basketball game, featuring veterans of the National Football League and the National Basketball Association, and special opportunities for

contributors to appear with him on the critically acclaimed AMC television production *Hell on Wheels*; and

WHEREAS, the Marlin family is extremely grateful to Mr. Mount for both his monetary contributions and his sincere dedication to improving the health of their children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mount's support for Jonah and Emory Marlin and his continued funding of research seeking a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy embody the true Volunteer spirit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Anson Mount IV for his selfless care and integrity in his support of the Marlin family and his ongoing fight to find a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.